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(54) Title: HERBICIDAL COMPOSITION

(57) Abstract: A herbicidal composition comprising as active ingredient a mixture of a) at least one compound selected from tritosulfuron, flufenacet and propoxycarbazone (sodium), and b) a synergistically effective amount of at least one compound selected from the compounds of the group amidosulfuron, bentazone, bifenox, diflufenican, dicamba, dimethenamid, flurtamone, glufosinate, fenoxaprop-P-ethyl, iodosulfuron-methyl (sodium), bromoxynil, ioxynil, beflubutamid, imazosulfuron, cinidon-ethyl, 2,4-D, MCPA, MCPP, picolinafen, pendimethalin, pyraflufen, imazethapyr, imazapic, imazapyr, imazaquin, imazamox and imazamethabenzmethyl, with the proviso that the mixtures of tritosulfuron with beflubutamid, tritosulfuron with mesosulfuron, tritosulfuron with iodosulfuron-methyl (sodium), tritosulfuron with ioxynil, tritosulfuron with dicamba, tritosulfuron with cinidon-ethyl, tritosulfuron with 2,4-D, picolinafen with cinidon-ethyl, flufenacet with picolinafen, flufenacet with fenoxaprop-P-ethyl, flufenacet with iodosulfuron-methyl (sodium), flufenacet with beflubutamid, flufenacet with mesosulfuron, flufenacet with cinidon-ethyl, flufenacet with imazamox, flufenacet with bifenox, flufenacet with diflufenican, flufenacet with flurtamone, flufenacet with glufosinate, flufenacet with pendimethalin, flufenacet with ioxynil, propoxycarbazone (sodium) with amidosulfuron, propoxycarbazone (sodium) with diflufenican, propoxycarbazone (sodium) with fenoxaprop-P-ethyl, propoxycarbazone (sodium) with iodosulfuron-methyl (sodium), propoxycarbazone (sodium) with bromoxynil, propoxycarbazone (sodium) with ioxynil, propoxycarbazone (sodium) with mesosulfuron, propoxycarbazone (sodium) with bifenox, propoxycarbazone (sodium) with flurtamone, propoxycarbazone (sodium) with picolinafen and propoxycarbazone (sodium) with glufosinate are excluded.

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1. claim: INVENTION 1

synergistic herbicidal composition containing tritosulfuron
and amidosulfuron

2. claims: INVENTIONS 2-53

the 52 other synergistic herbicidal compositions resulting
from the combination of the 3 first components and the 27
second components (=81 combinations) minus the first
invention listed above and minus the 28 exceptions listed in
present claim 1.

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